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SUBJTEC: FOREIGN MINISTER SAPENA PASTOR GRAVELY ILL.

ARA FOR AMBASSADOR RYAN, ARA/APU FOR JACK SMITH

USUN FOR AMBASSADOR BENNETT

1. PARAGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL SAPENA PASTOR STRICKEN WITH MASSIVE HEMORRHAGING DECEMBER 17. DOCTORS UNABLE TO BRING BLEEDING UNDER CONTROL, HAD TO OPERATE DECEMBER 19. ALTHOUGH OPERATION APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL, SAPENA SUFFERED SEVERE POSTOPERATIVE CRISIS INCLUDING HEART FAILURE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES WITH AS YET UNDERTERMINED EFFECTS. PROGNOSIS AS OF DECEMBER 20 NOT BRIGHT; DOCTORS DESCRIBE HIS SITUATION AS "GRAVE."

2. AS YOU KNOW, SAPENA IS DEAN OF LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, HAVING HELD POSITON FOR 20 YEARS. REGARDLESS OF PB EOUAY'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION, HE IS HIGHLY REGARDED PERSONALLY THROUGHOUT HEMISPHERE. ON MOST MATTERS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE TO THE US, HE HAS BEEN STRONG SUPPORTER OF AMERICAN INTERESTS.

3. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO SEND MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES FOR SAPENA'S RECOVERY IN SECRETARY'S NAME. MESSAGE SHOULD BE SENT SOONEST BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM.

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4. SUGGESTED TEXT:

"DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF YOUR ILLNESS. I TRUST THAT
YOUR RECOVERY WILL BE SWIFT AND THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BE WITH YOUR
FAMILY FOR THE COMING HOLIDAYS. MY WIFE JOINS ME IN SENDING YOU AND
MRS. SAPENA OUR BEST WISHES."

5. FOR USUN (AMBASSADOR BENNETT): ALBERTO NOGUES HAS BEEN ASKED TO
CANCEL HIS VACATION PLANS IN NEW YORK AND TO RETURN AT ONCE TO
ASUNCION.
SHOULD HE STILL BE THERE, YOU MAY WISH TO EXPRESS CONCERN RE SAPENA'S
ILLNESS.
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